

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing a plurality of bodies, each body bearing an optical structure, the optical structures being substantially equal, being associated with a respective information carrier for containing user information, and being indicative of characteristic information for providing access to the user information, ~~of~~ the method comprising acts of:

producing a stamp by attaching particles to a surface of an auxiliary body in a pattern; and

using the attached particles on the stamp to imprint an imprintable material, thereby producing the plurality of bodies, the each body having at least a surface portion bearing ~~an~~ a direct imprint of the particle pattern in the stamp.

2. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising an act of applying to the imprint of the each body a layer of reflecting material having a surface facing away from the imprint, which surface substantially follows the imprint.

3. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising acts of:

applying over the imprint of the each body a layer of another, substantially transparent, imprintable material;

using the stamp an additional time to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material, thereby making an additional imprint on the each body.

4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising acts of:
- producing an additional stamp by attaching particles to a surface of an additional auxiliary body;
- applying a layer of an other, substantially transparent, imprintable material over the imprint of the each body;
- using the additional stamp to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material, thereby making an additional imprint on the each body.
5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the other imprintable material has a second refractive index, the second refractive index being different from the first refractive index.
6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, comprising an act of interposing a substantially transparent separation layer between the imprint and the layer of the other imprintable material of the each body.
7. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the separation layer has a third refractive index, the third refractive index being different from the first refractive index.

8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising an act of applying a substantially transparent covering layer over the imprint of the each body.
9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the each body is a laminated body comprising a reflective layer.
10. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the each body is integral with the respective information carrier.
11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein particles of diamond are used as the particles.
12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein particles having a size ranging between 100 nm and 1 μ m are used as the particles.